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Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"May I know from which communities the hon. Minister selects candidates for nomination? Is it from communities who are interested in the continuance of the Ministry?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"No, Sir."

Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar :—"May I know whether the hon. Minister has any idea of nominating more Indian Christian members on the board?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"The question will be considered."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I know the actual number of Indian Christian members on the board and why the number has been reduced to one?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"Notice, Sir."

Action taken on the recommendations of the Roads Committee.

* 232 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether recommendations of the Roads Committee appointed by the Government of India have been communicated to the Local Government;

(*b*) whether any of the hon. Ministers were invited to a conference by the Government of India to consider those recommendations;

(*c*) what relationship or mutual co-operation between the Government of India and the Local Government has been or is to be established as to the carrying out of the recommendations;

(*d*) to what extent it is decided to relieve local bodies of their burdens as to the maintenance of roads or to aid them further for that purpose; and

(*e*) whether it is decided to abolish toll-gates for recovering tolls to any extent and if so, how far?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government of India stated that a conference was likely to be convened but so far no invitation has been received.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) These points are under consideration.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"May I know, with reference to the answers given to clauses (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*), when the Government expect to pass orders on these points?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"I cannot say that, Sir."

Repairs to the Buntwal-Kadur road.

* 233 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to his answer to question No. 43, dated 3rd September 1928—

(*a*) whether any provision has been made for overhauling the Charmadi ghat section of the Buntwal-Kadur road and if not, why; and

(*b*) what steps, if any, the Government propose to take to make that section fit for easy and smooth traffic?

A.—In August 1928, the President, District Board, South Kanara, applied for a grant of Rs. 15,000 in 1929–30 for special repairs to the Charmadi Ghat road (now known as the Mangalore-Mysore road). No provision could be made in the budget for the works